

his or her motor vehicle in order to accommodate the disability, then that person can get the wheelchair plate. I urge your first to adopt the amendment to the committee amendment and then I will move to adopt the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is...Senator Labedz, did you wish to speak on the amendment to the amendments? Okay, Senator Landis, the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do want to ask Senator Schmit, these are free license plates?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, they are free.

SENATOR LANDIS: And they are to people on the basis of the status and that is the lone criteria?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right. That's right.

SENATOR LANDIS: I pay how much for a plate now of my own? I don't recall.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Not very much. Eighteen...

SENATOR LANDIS: Eighteen bucks. Sixteen to eighteen bucks? Okay, in that case, I am going to oppose the amendment. I think if government gives a subsidy to somebody, it should be on the basis of need and I would tell you that although Robert Allington in this city retains his legs, he has lost the use of them, he uses his wheelchair, but the man is also the co-owner of ISCO, one of the foremost growing companies in the City of Lincoln. If I understand correctly, if he was in a slightly different situation, he would be receiving his plates free. I don't buy it. We should be giving things away free to people who need them and we should be basing our decisions, not on their status, for which I have sympathy, but on their need. And on that basis, I am ready to give up some governmental fee, or whatever, but it is like the things for like Game and Parks licenses when you are elderly, if you can't afford one or if you are under the poverty limit, that is fine with me. But somebody who is making \$80,000 a year has no business getting a free permit here, a free license there, anything. We should be basing the government largess on the basis of human need and there is a very real important reality to somebody who has lost